

BELMONT

MAIN STREET

Board Meeting Minutes
City Hall Centennial Room
January 3, 2017
7:30 am

Board Members present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Church	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Taylor- Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Christina Moose
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Ruen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Seligman	<input type="checkbox"/> Doug Gadd
<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Schrift	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelley DeHart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ted Hall
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela Street	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adrian Miller (SDH alt.)	

Staff present: Vicki Davis - Downtown Director, Melissa Lockamy – City Planner
Guest: Jennifer Church

Chairman Jonathan Taylor called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the December 6, 2016 meeting were disbursed via email for review. A motion to approve was made by John Church, seconded by Cynthia Ruen and approved unanimously by members present.

Committee Updates:

Organization Committee – Julie Seligman

The organization committee is scheduled to meet on 1/4/17 and continues to review the historic downtown portion of the website and continues to seek downtown parking feedback.

Design Committee – Cynthia Ruen

Board discussed idea of examining city sign regulations to determine if updates are recommended, particularly related to changes in technology that have occurred since the current regulations were adopted. Design Committee and Main Street Board will work with city staff on this matter.

Promotions Committee – Christina Moose (no report due to illness/absence)

Economic Restructuring – John Church

- Committee did not meet over holidays but has continued work on parking survey.
- Committee is exploring ways to help businesses get started and ways to make the process smoother.
- John Church provided details concerning the business entrepreneur conference scheduled for 1/17/2017 at 10 Catawba.

Adopted 2/6/2017

Façade Enhancement Grant:

- Vicki Davis stated that FEG applications #2016.11 and #2016.12 for 27 E Catawba Street, submitted by Douglas Shrift, will go to city council that evening.
- Vicki Davis informed board that the façade enhancement grant application for Glenway Pub, FEG 2016.04, has expired but they are welcome to reapply.

Chair report – Jonathan Taylor

Jonathan Taylor mentioned the successful year the group has had but stated more detail will be shared in the DBDA portion of the meeting.

Staff report – Vicki Davis

- Downtown Parking – Ms. Davis continues to work on the parking report and stated the focus is on the historic downtown area.
- Main Street Conference – The upcoming Main Street Conference will be held in Shelby March 14-16 and encouraged board to attend.

Old/Other business:

- Adrian Miller stated that the parade celebrating the South Point Football Championship was scheduled for 4 p.m. on 1/4/17. Mr. Miller stated that the rail trail project is currently in design phase with NCDOT then he informed board about items going to council that evening:
- FEG applications #2016.11 and #2016.12 for 27 E Catawba Street, submitted by Douglas Shrift.
 - Encroachment agreement between the City and NCDOT Rail Division to provide a dumpster enclosure to serve multiple downtown businesses.
 - Lease agreement with Parkdale (Alliance Real Estate III, Inc.) to lease parking area across from Glenway.

Having no other business, Ted Hall motioned to adjourn, seconded by Adrian Miller and unanimously approved at 8:12 am.